

# SASKATCHEWAN IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT CONVENTION

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

I The Committee has examined a large number of Resolutions submitted by Boards of Trade and has selected the following four Resolutions which cover all which have been received:

1. RESOLVED THAT THIS CONVENTION IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME WHEN THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING FORWARD A SCHEME FOR THE VOLUNTARY REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE AND THEREBY CREATING A STIMULATION OF SHIPPING AND TRADE UNDER THE FLAG.
2. RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN BE AND HEREBY IS URGED TO MOVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE STEPS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 1936.
3. RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN BE AND HEREBY IS URGED TO NOTIFY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT SASKATCHEWAN IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE FIVE THOUSAND BRITISH FAMILIES TO BE SETTLED IN SASKATCHEWAN UNDER THE HORNBY PLAN DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, COMMENCING EARLY IN THE YEAR 1937.
4. RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN BE AND HEREBY IS URGED TO ADVISE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
  - (1) THAT ALL SETTLEMENT OF NEW IMMIGRANTS ON THE LAND SHOULD BE PROPERLY ORGANIZED, SO THAT THE IMMIGRANTS MAY BE LOCATED IN DISTRICTS WHERE SETTLEMENT IS MOST NEEDED, AND WHERE THE SETTLERS ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL, and
  - (2) THAT SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE PROPERLY AND ADEQUATELY SUPERVISED; and
  - (3) THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE CAPITAL REQUIRED TO BE BROUGHT INTO CANADA BY EACH IMMIGRANT FAMILY BE REDUCED BELOW A MINIMUM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND THAT, IF THE IMMIGRANT FAMILY IS ASSISTED BY ITS GOVERNMENT OR BY ANY ORGANIZATION, THE SAME SUM SHOULD IN ALL CASES BE SET ASIDE BY THE GOVERNMENT OR BY THE ORGANIZATION CONCERNED, TO BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY IN DUE COURSE IN ORDER TO ENSURE SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT, AFTER HE HAS GAINED THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCE OF AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS IN CANADA.

II The following Resolutions have been generally adopted, but not in the same form by all Boards of Trade. The following are the two forms:

5. a. RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN BE AND HEREBY IS URGED BY THIS CONVENTION TO MOVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ESTABLISH A QUOTA FOR IMMIGRANTS OF ALL NATIONS TO CANADA.
- b. RESOLVED THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN BE AND HEREBY IS URGED BY THIS CONVENTION TO MOVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ESTABLISH A QUOTA FOR IMMIGRANTS OF ALL NATIONS TO CANADA; THAT IMMIGRANTS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM QUOTA ALLOTMENT AMOUNTING TO SEVENTY-FIVE (75%) PER CENTUM OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS TO BE ADMITTED ANNUALLY; AND THAT TWENTY (20%) SHOULD BE ALLOTTED TO NORTHERN EUROPEAN NATIONS.

III As regard Resolution 4 we have on record certain reservations by important bodies, to which we feel that full consideration should be given.

IV Our final recommendation is that Resolutions 1, 2, and 3 should be passed by this Convention, and that Resolutions 4 and 5 should be reserved for further consideration.